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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: High-Level Coverage of Cuba

1. This memorandum is for the information of the Acting Director of Central Intelligence.

2. As you noted at the Special Group last Wednesday, high-level photographic coverage of Cuba was very good for the last 2 weeks of July. It remained high for the first 3 days of August but no missions were flown on the 4th and 5th. On the 6th SAC tried to take advantage of what appeared to be improving weather over the eastern tip of the island and the pilot estimated that he had covered 75% of the targets in the area. Actually, the only highest priority target that was clear proved to be Mayari Arriba. The weather was worse than anticipated and it is still problematical what photography will show of the targets in the Guantanamo and Holguin areas.

3. Yesterday, the mission covered the center of the island as planned with concentration on the coastal areas and again the pilot estimated 75% coverage of scheduled targets. Today's mission will concentrate on the central and western areas of the island. The weather looks moderately favorable except over the western tip. San Julian and Pinar del Rio are the 2 highest priority targets in this area and the batting average on them has been quite poor.

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